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Thank you very much. My name is Leah Missik. I'm the Washington transportation policy manager with Climate Solutions. Climate Solutions is a regional nonprofit with the mission of accelerating clean energy solutions to the climate crisis. I wanted to state today our strong support for the adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars and the advanced clean truck grill on the proposed timeline. These rules align with Washington statutory climate goals. They also align with what the state energy strategy says is the lowest cost pathway to decarbonize.

It is necessary that we do decarbonize and act in a leading rule in Washington State and take all of the necessary means and do what is under our responsibility and under our purview in order to address the climate crisis. We are already seeing the effects today. The transportation sector contributes almost half of our state's greenhouse gas pollution. We need and we can do better and that's why I'm very excited the agency is taking up these rules.

Not only will they help address the climate crisis, but they will reduce harmful air pollution as stated by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and the testimony before mine. This air pollution is not evenly felt by communities. Those who live closer to roadways or near ports or near trekking depots are more exposed to this air pollution and separate health consequences as a result. That's why it's really important that the state is adopting the advanced clean truck rule alongside the Advanced Clean Cars rule.

I also look forward to the adoption of the heavy-duty Omnibus rule. I know this is not being considered this very moment as California is bleeding its rulemaking but we're very excited about that complimentary rule. I also want to just share that we really would like to see a separate rulemaking to adopt deplete reporting requirements since this would provide critical data to understand the use of fleets and trucks and best support both pollution reduction and help workers transition.

California included this rule alongside its advanced clean trucks rule. We would like to see similar in Washington since we believe these are strongly complementary and are necessary for address transition. Again, I just wanted to reiterate our strong support for this necessary rule. Washington State has been a leader in state climate policy that is now being replicated elsewhere, both in other states and at the federal level.

We must not fall behind here but instead, help set an example and remain in the forefront because the climate crisis is upon us and we really must take responsibility and do everything that is within our power, not only to address the climate crisis but to benefit the people of our state to improve our health and improve our economy. Thank you very much, again, strongly support this rule and we'll be submitting more detailed and supportive comments later on.